

REMARKS

By this Amendment, Claims 70, 82 and 92 have been amended to overcome the formal grounds for rejection under 35 U.S.C. §11 (2nd ¶) as advanced in item No. 2 on page 2 of the Official Action, and not herein repeated. No new matter has been introduced into the claims by virtue of these amendments.

Further, Claim 87 has been amended by incorporating the limitation recited in Claim 105. Claim 105 was one of the claims which the Examiner identified as provisionally allowable. Accordingly, Claim 87, and all claims depending therefrom, directly or indirectly, are now deemed allowable. Claim 105 has been cancelled. Accordingly the rejection of Claims 87-94, 99, 104, 112, 114 and 121 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Eggersdorfer et al. in view of Smith (U.S. Patent No. 4,860,685) is now deemed moot.

All pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance and favorable action on the merits is requested.

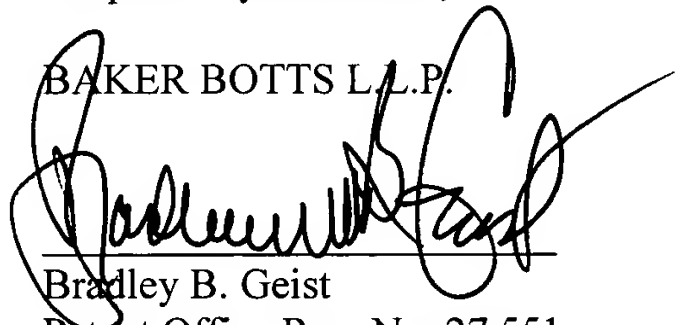
Finally, Applicants note that the Examiner indicated that the drawings have been objected to; however no explanation of the purported objection could be found in the Official Action.

Clarification of the point is requested. Applicants enclose herewith the drawing pages submitted with the Amendment filed on October 21, 2005; however, each of these drawings is now designated as a "Replacement" drawing sheet.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure

In the Drawings:

Please amend the drawings (Figures 2-10) as shown in the attached “Replacement Sheets”.